

A man and his wife pulling a handcart

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the cheeks of many a man who you would have thought would not, could not, shed a tear.' ”

Ill-fated Willie and Martin companies

“Mr. Madsen, did the other two handcart companies of 1856 fare as well while coming to Utah as the three you just described?” Elizabeth asked.

“Unfortunately, Elizabeth, the journey of the Willie and Martin handcart companies resulted in disaster, making one of the saddest pages in Utah history.